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## REMARKS

The Examiner's Action malled on October 1, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully considered.

In this amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 1-8, amended claims 9-11, and added new claims 12-17. Claims 9-17 are now pending in the application.

It is noted with great appreciation that the Examiner considers the subject matter of claims 5, and 9-11 as being allowable. In response, claim 12 has been added to include all of the limitations of claim 1 and 5, and claims 13-17 with respect to the limitation of the original claims 2-4 and 6-7 are dependent on newly added claim 12. Moreover, claim 9 has been rewritten to include all of the limitations of claim 8, and claims 10-11 are dependent on amended claim 9. Therefore, it is requested that these claims be allowed.

It is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Such action, and the passing of this case to issue are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

December 29, 2004

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